



World Wide Fund for Nature - India (WWF-India)

WWF-India is one of the largest conservation organisations engaged in wildlife and nature conservation in the country. Established as a Charitable Trust on November 27, 1969, it has an experience of over four decades in the field. From a modest beginning, the organisation has been propelled forward by the efforts of its founders and associates who volunteered their time and energy to lend momentum to the conservation movement.

Today, it is recognized as a premier international conservation non-governmental organisation in the country dealing with nature conservation, environmental protection and development-related issues. At a time when the Web of Life has come under increasing threats, WWF-India's attempts have been to find and implement solutions so that human beings can live in harmony with nature, and leave for future generations a world rich in natural resources and natural wonders.

To suit India's specific ecological and socio-cultural situation, WWF-India articulated its mission in 1987 as follows:

"The promotion of nature conservation and environmental protection as the foundation for sustainable and equitable development."

Centre for Environmental Law (CEL)

The Centre for Environmental Law (CEL) was established in 1993 as an integral part of WWF-India. Apart from handling and furthering WWF-India's conservation work involving policy analysis, campaigning and legal interventions on environmental issues, CEL serves as a resource centre for teaching environmental law and research in national, regional and international contexts. To implement its programmes CEL is building functional and professional linkages with government agencies and non-governmental organizations at national and global levels.

One of the principle educational activities of CEL since 1993 has been the Diploma Programme in Environmental Law that has been running for over two decades now. More than fifteen hundred participants have benefited from the Diploma in Environmental Law Certificate issued by WWF India.

To widen the scope and reach of the Course, since September 2013, WWF has partnered with National Law University, Delhi to offer one year Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy.



National Law University, Delhi (NLUD)

National Law University, Delhi is a premier Law University established in 2008 by the Delhi Government at the initiative of Delhi High Court. It has state of the art infrastructure and facilities for learning and research. The vision of NLUD is to make legal education an instrument of social, political and economic change. It is committed to transform students into lawyers who are professionally competent, technically sound and socially aware.

NLUD has been offering a five year Integrated B.A. LL. B (Hon.) Programme since 2008 and LL.M and Ph. D programmes since 2011. It offered its first Diploma programme on Judging and Court Management in 2010 with the objective of training and skill building of the young legal professionals in the art and craft of judging and court management.

The University also offers several other innovative and specialized diploma programmes only in online mode. These include Patent Law, Competition Law and Policy, Real Estate Law, Labour Rights, Women Studies and Vocational Diploma for Paralegals.

Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy (PGDELP)

Programme Description

It is essential to minimize the adverse impacts of pollution and ecological degradation through proper environmental management and international cooperation. This can be done by not just raising awareness of environmental values but also strengthening the delivery capacity of environmental professionals so that they are well equipped to face the challenges in their stream of work.

With an aim to provide a better understanding of green law issues poignant worldwide, particularly in the Indian context, NLUD and WWF India will be jointly offering a **One Year Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy**. The exclusive tailor-made programme provides opportunities for law graduates and other professionals working in the field of environment to enrich their understanding of the issues, institutions and initiatives in the field of environmental law and policy.

Programme Objectives

The objectives of the programme are to:

- Provide comprehensive knowledge to participants in Environmental Law and Policy



- Increase understanding on key issues related to national as well as international environmental law & policies
- Develop knowledge on the International Legal & Policy context on thematic issues related to environment
- Develop practical skills to facilitate effective engagement with Environmental Laws
- Prepare well-informed professionals in Environmental Law and to upgrade the professional competencies by augmenting the Environmental Law awareness
- Promote networking and sharing of experiences among participants to actively contribute towards conservation

Target Group

The programme is useful to students and working professionals from various streams who seek to enhance their skills on legal interventions for environmental protection and also bridge the gap between theory and practice. Law graduates, Legal practitioners, Environmental professionals, Corporate Executives, Government officials, Media and NGO personnel seeking to enrich their professional knowledge are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility

Graduation in any stream. Work experience, although not necessary, but of a minimum of two years in the relevant field is desirable. Admission will be granted strictly on merit and at the discretion of a selection panel. In some cases, the applicant may be required to appear for a telephonic interview.

Duration and Pedagogy

- **'Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy'** is a one-year programme which is divided into two semesters.
- The diploma is offered in English as the only medium of instruction.
- All other aspects such as course content, timelines, course curriculum, examinations and discussion forum will be conducted in the online mode.
- Webinars and online discussion will be organised during course duration and we do not offer physical or online classes.

Mode of study

- Mode of instruction will be online only. We do not provide hard copy of the study/reading material.
- All course requirements like assignments, discussion forum and exam papers will be posted online.
- Participants will be provided with soft copy study/reading material.



Syllabus and Detailed Structure:

- The PG Diploma comprises of 34 Credits or 700 Marks.
- The course is divided into **two semesters (Semester I and Semester II)**.
- The course consists of 7 courses out of which six are theoretical courses and one is a practical training course.
- Courses 1, 2, 4 and 7 will be of 4 credits each.
- Course 3, 5, and 6 will be of 6 credits each.
- All the courses are compulsory. Participants will be issued certificate only on completion of all courses (course submissions).

Course Structure:*

Semester - I

COURSE 1 - INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENT & LAW [Credits- 4]
I - Overview of Environment & Law Unit 1 - Environment, Nature and Ecosystem Unit 2 - Origin of Environmental Law
II - Introduction to Environmental Law Unit 3 - Concept of Law & Policy Unit 4 - Environment and Governance Unit 5 - Sustainable Development and Environment Unit 6 - Understanding Climate Change and its processes - CDP, CDMs and Carbon Off Setting
COURSE 2 - INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY [Credits- 4]
I- Overview of International Environmental Laws Unit 1 - Emergence of International Environmental Law Unit 2 - Fundamental Principles and Application of International Environmental Law Unit 3 - Introduction to Trade & Environment
II - Major International Environmental laws Unit 4 - Right to Environment as Human Right Unit 5 - International Humanitarian Law and Environment Unit 6 - Environment and Conflict Management Unit 7 - UNFCCC& Kyoto Protocol Unit 8 - Treaty on Antarctic & Polar Regions - 1961 Unit 9 - UN Convention of Law of the Sea and Regional Seas Convention Unit 10 - Law on International Watercourses
COURSE 3 - INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY II[Credits- 6]
I - Introduction to Environment and IPR Unit 1 - Environment and IPR Unit 2 - Traditional Knowledge and Environment Unit 3 - International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV Convention)
II - Biodiversity Related Conventions Unit 4- Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) and its key elements Unit 5- Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic and Biological Resources



III - International Environmental Organizations and Dispute Settlement Unit

6 - Nature and Origin of International Environmental Organisations (IEOs)

Unit 7 - International Environmental Organizations and Negotiations

Unit 8 - MEAs and Dispute Settlement Mechanisms

Online Assessment Examination – Open book exam or take-home exam shall be conducted at the end of I Semester.

Semester II

COURSE 4- NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY [Credits- 4]
I - Introduction to National Environmental Laws
Unit 1 - Environmental Law and the Indian Constitution
Unit 2 - Other Major Laws and Environment (IPC, Cr.PC, Torts)
Unit 3 - Environment Protection Act, 1986
II - Law and Policy Frameworks related to Forest and Wildlife
Unit 4 - Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
Unit 5 - Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act 1996
Unit 6 - Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
Unit 7 - Coastal Regulation Zone & Coastal Regulation Management
COURSE 5- NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY II [Credits- 6]
I - Tenure And Property Rights
Unit 1 - Land Acquisition Act, 1894
Unit 2 - Tenure & Property Rights and Community Rights
II - Environment Impact & Policy
Unit 3 - Introduction to Environmental Impact Assessment
Unit 4 -EIA - Infrastructure Projects & Environment
Unit 5 - Introduction to Environmental Public Hearing (EPH) & Processes
Unit 6 - Introduction to displacement and rehabilitation
Unit 7 - Displacement and Environmental Concerns
III - Environment Management
Unit 8 - What is Environment Management?
Unit 9- Air, Water and Land Management
Unit 10 - Forest Management
Unit 11 - Urban Development Policy
Unit 12 - Municipal Solid Waste & E- Waste Management
COURSE 6 - ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION MECHANISMS [Credits- 6]
I - Judicial Trends & Public Interest Initiatives
Unit 1 - Introduction to Public Interest Litigation
Unit 2 - Forest Cases & Responses (Case Laws)
Unit 3 - Right to Information Act
II- Tribunals & Committees
Unit 4 -Introduction to Environment Tribunals
Unit 5 - The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010
COURSE 7 - PRACTICAL TRAINING [Credits- 4]
Preparation and submission of Synopsis and Term End Paper



Online Assessment Examination - Open book exam or take-home exam shall be conducted at the end of II Semester

**While developing the study material, depending on the unit length and issues covered some titles of the units may change.*

Evaluation System

- Participants shall be evaluated through a continuous evaluation process. They will be evaluated on the basis of assignments, discussions, term end paper/project work and semester end examinations.
- The course is divided into two semesters; each semester has three theory courses. Participants must submit a total of six assignments, one for each theory Course.
- Additionally, participants are required to submit a Synopsis and a Project Report (Term End Paper), both of which are a part of the 'Practical Training' component under Course VII.
- Participation in discussion forum is mandatory.

Assignments - The main purpose of assignment is to test the participant's comprehension of the study material provided and general interpretation of concepts keeping in view the current scenario. The assignments will account for 50% of total assessment. Submission of all assignments is compulsory.

Semester end examination - After end of each semester, the participants have to appear for an 'open book examination or take-home examination', analytical problem will be shared with participants which needs to be solved keeping the practical case study in mind. The participant will be free to refer to books and study material for solving the paper. Semester end examination will carry 50% weightage of total assessment.

Term End Paper (TEP) - TEP component includes Synopsis and a Final paper. The TEP (Course VII) carries 4 credits or 100 marks; out of which synopsis would carry 20% weightage and TEP will carry 80% weightage. Submission of both Synopsis and TEP is compulsory for completion of the Diploma.

Discussion Forum- Participants will have to actively contribute to discussion forum created and managed by Course Coordinators. A topic for discussion will be posted, participants should share their views on the topic. Discussion Forum is a good platform for sharing of knowledge and ideas.

Final Marking

Final evaluation break up is as follows:

Course I to VI - 50% for Assignments and 50% for Semester end examinations

Course VII - 20% for Synopsis and 80% for Project Report



- Special note for applicants residing outside India: at the time of transfer of fees, kindly verify the exchange rate as on the day of transfer, as well as any additional charges or levies that may be applicable on this transfer by your bank. Kindly ensure that the full fee amount is credited to WWF-INDIA after clearing all additional dues that such a transfer may attract.

Please go through the FAQs provided on the website. For any additional clarifications on prospectus and filling of application form, please contact Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Course Data Manager, CEL at submissionscel@wwfindia.net or call on [09868185605](tel:09868185605) between [1100 hrs to 1700 hrs on weekdays](#).



Annexure 1 – ELP/June/2022-2023

APPLICATION FOR PG DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY
June 2022-2023

1. Name of the Applicant (In capital letters, kindly fill in your name exactly as you would like it to appear on your certificate.)

2. Parent/Guardian/Spouse's Name:

3. Complete Address with Pin Code:

Telephone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email Id: _____

(Filling of all above fields is mandatory)

4. Fee details will be provided once admission has been confirmed. Do not pay the fees now in any form.

5. Educational Qualification: (Attach scanned copies of Graduation Degree or recent mark sheet or provisional certificate)

6. Date of Birth: ____/____/____ (DD/MM/YY) **7. Gender:** _____ (Female/Male/ Other)

8. Nationality: Indian _____ **Other** _____ **if other, please specify:** _____

I hereby declare that I have read and understood the conditions of eligibility for the programme for which I seek admission. I fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria and I have provided necessary information in this regard. In the event of any information being found incorrect or misleading, my candidature will be cancelled by WWF-India at any time and I shall not be entitled to refund of any fee paid by me to WWF-India.

Date:

Signature of Applicant

DO NOT STAPLE

Affix your latest passport size photograph (4cm x 5 cm) duly attested by you



Checklist:

- i. Statement of Purpose explaining your motivation behind applying for this course.
- ii. Certificates in support of your recent Educational Qualification(s). Include copies of your recent academic accomplishments only i.e. Bachelor's Degree or any higher qualifications (Masters, M.Phil, Ph.D etc.)
- iii. Completed Application Form. Kindly note that it is compulsory to fill in your name EXACTLY as you would like it to appear on your certificate. Please double check your form before submission as spelling changes will not be entertained at a later date.
- iv. Curriculum Vitae.

